

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 3/5¹

PRODUCTION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

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Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID No. 3 and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure, the following policies, procedures, and practices are hereby established for the production and coordination of scientific and technical intelligence.

1. Policies

The following basic principles shall apply to the discharge of responsibilities by the departments and agencies concerned:

a. No complete separation of areas of interest is desirable or possible.

b. Full and free interchange among all departments and agencies of information which has utility for intelligence relating to the national security is essential. This includes intelligence information, finished intelligence, and information on intelligence research programs.

c. Each department or agency shall develop special competence in those intelligence fields directly related to its primary departmental responsibilities and shall normally carry out the bulk of the research in those fields.

d. Each department or agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtainable from other departments and agencies in order to meet its own departmental requirements, but unnecessary duplication and overlap shall be avoided.

2. Production Responsibilities

To ensure that the capabilities of the departments and agencies are effectively utilized in the common interest for the production of scientific and technical intelligence, the following division of interests, subject to refinement through a continuous program of coordination and evaluation by the Director of Central Intelligence to promote an integration of effort and to avoid undesirable duplication, shall serve as a general delineation of primary responsibilities.

a. The Central Intelligence Agency shall produce scientific and technical intelligence as a service of common concern and as required to fulfill the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence.

b. The other departments or agencies shall produce scientific and technical intelligence pertinent to their departmental missions.

¹This Directive supersedes DCID No. 3/5 (New Series) of 25 July 1963. For Directives pertaining to atomic energy and guided missiles and astronautics intelligence see DCID No. 3/3 and DCID No. 3/4 (New Series).

3. Establishment of the Scientific Intelligence Committee

The Scientific Intelligence Committee is hereby established as a committee of the United States Intelligence Board to coordinate scientific and technical intelligence activities of the Government as set forth below.

4. Mission of the Scientific Intelligence Committee

The mission of the Scientific Intelligence Committee (SIC) shall be to foster, develop and maintain a coordinated community approach to problems in the field of scientific and technical intelligence (except for atomic energy and guided missile and astronautics intelligence), to promote interagency liaison and to give added impetus and community support to efforts of individual agencies. Specific responsibilities of the Scientific Intelligence Committee shall include the following:

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5. Membership of the Scientific Intelligence Committee

The Scientific Intelligence Committee shall be composed of designated representatives of the departments and agencies represented on the USIB, including Army, Navy and Air Force representatives. Other departments and agencies may be invited by the Chairman to participate in the work of the SIC on a particular problem as agreed by the Committee.

6. Chairmanship of the Scientific Intelligence Committee

The Chairman of the Scientific Intelligence Committee shall be designated by the Director of Central Intelligence in consultation with and with the concurrence of the United States Intelligence Board. The Central Intelligence Agency shall provide appropriate secretariat support.

7. Subcommittees of the Scientific Intelligence Committee

The Scientific Intelligence Committee may establish working groups as appropriate and subcommittees as approved by the Intelligence Board.

8. Inter-Committee Coordination Responsibilities

a. The Scientific Intelligence Committee shall share with the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee, Economic Intelligence Committee, and other appropriate Intelligence Board committees responsibility for the coordination of areas of joint or overlapping concern. Care shall be taken to avoid undesirable duplication in activities and also to ensure that no important scientific, technical or economic intelligence matter is neglected or escapes attention by falling between areas of established separate committee activities. The chairman of each of these committees shall be responsible for ensuring liaison and coordination with the other committees involved on any and all matters of joint or overlapping concern.

b. Because of the close relationship of the SIC, the JAEIC, and the GMAIC, close coordination is imperative. The SIC should take the initiative in ensuring that such coordination is effected in areas of joint or overlapping concern. This does not imply that SIC should have a supervisory role over the normal activities of JAEIC and GMAIC in their respective fields.

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